



**City of Bristol  
Board of Finance Meeting  
March 30, 2017**

A meeting of the Board of Finance was held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 5:55 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut. The following were in attendance: Chairperson Cheryl Thibeault, Vice Chairman John Smith, Mayor Ken Cockayne, Commissioners Ron Burns, Jake Carrier, Orlando Calfe, Derek Czenczelewski, Mike Fiorini and Mike LaMothe. Also present from the Comptroller's Office: Glenn Klocko and Robin Manuele.

**March 29, 2017**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**A Special Board of Finance Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 5:55 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.**

**Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of a bid waiver to Steven R. O'Conner, Get Your Irish On.
3. Adjournment

**PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
Cheryl Thibeault**

1. Call to order

Chairperson Thibeault called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

2. Approval of a bid waiver to Steven R. O'Conner, Get Your Irish On.

Commissioner Smith made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Smith

"To approve a bid waiver to Steven R. O'Conner, Get Your Irish On, for the purchase of a concession trailer."

Ed Swicklas explained there was a misunderstanding when he brought this forward the first time, the Park Board looked at this trailer and felt it met their needs and brought it to the Board of Finance to purchase. Cheryl stated honestly she doesn't feel this constitutes an emergency to warrant a bid waiver.

Commissioner Smith questioned the time frame that this was wanted for. Ed stated if you go out to bid you will not get a similar trailer for this price, it's ready to go, and you will pay double or triple. Ron stated if the City goes out to bid, this company can bid. Ed stated if you do that there won't be enough money to get what is wanted and this company is not going

to bid. John questioned the urgency other than the price. Ed stated you won't have anything ready for the season. The concessionaire can't do certain things and meet health requirements without the trailer. Orlando stated he was concerned if this trailer is ready to go, but why wouldn't he bid in the process. Ed stated it was worth more than \$35,000, we can get it now and use it now. Mayor Cockayne questioned if this was new or used. Cheryl stated it was never stated this was used. Cheryl stated Ed has been with the City for a long time and knows the Purchasing and bidding procedure this goes against the principals. It's not like the pool is broken and we need to fix it. It's appreciated Ed went out and found this, but at this point it doesn't constitute an emergency, but if the Board feels differently a vote will show that. Glenn stated bid waivers are for emergency and one of time purchases, this seems to be one of a kind at this price, but why is this so much lower at this price. Ed stated its worth over \$50,000 and was custom made and can't be duplicated. Ed stated if this was going to be an issue he would have asked for it the first time he was here. He came to the Board of Finance last time, was grilled for an hour and half and now his back is against the wall. Ed stated this is a specific concession1 trailer. John explained a concession trailer was approved at \$35,000. Cheryl indicated it was an idea this was how much a trailer cost we would go out and procure it, it wasn't clear a specific trailer or vendor was already selected as that wasn't portrayed. It was looking at a budget and approving a line item for the trailer. Commissioner Smith questioned if Roger was involved, Ed stated initially no. Cheryl stated a yes vote means to approve the waiver, no means to go out to bid.

Commissioner LaMothe	No	Commissioner Smith	No
Commissioner Calfe	No	Mayor Cockayne	Yes
Commissioner Fiorini	Yes	Commissioner Carrier	Yes
Commissioner Burns	No	Commissioner Thibeault	No
Commissioner Czenczelewski	Yes		

Following a roll call vote, the Chairperson declared the motion failed.

### 3. Adjournment

Mayor Cockayne made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Smith

"To adjourn at 6:10 p.m."

Following a voice vote in which there was no opposition, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Attest:



Glenn S. Klocko  
Board of Finance Clerk